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Billion Dollar Project Gets Underway!

by Dave Atkins

Since the mid '80s, there has been a great deal of talk and speculation about a "billion-dollar project" to be constructed between Wickham and Wayne roads in Romulus. The project was to include a division of Eastern Michigan University, many office building complexes, apartments, and condominiums. Also to be slated were the widening of Wick, Wickham, and Merriam roads and the construction of an interchange at I-94 and Vining Road for better access to the project and Metro Airport.

Mayor Beverly McAnally has actively pursued this project — particularly

the I-94-Vining exchange, since much of the rest of the project depends upon the construction of the exchange.

Sometime in December, construction of the exchange was verbally approved; however, the final paperwork from Washington, D.C., has not yet been received.

According to Dennis Oakes, who is the Community Development Director for the City of Romulus, there are two developers involved in this venture. One of the men is Wendell Flynn (known to many from the controversy over Airlines Parking in the Ecorse subdivision), who owns approximately

300 acres of the proposed site; the other is E. Liwyd Ecclestone, who has acquired between 750 and 800 acres.

At present, the site plan pictured on the front page of this issue calls for approximately seven million square feet of leasable space to be let at approximately \$100 per square foot. (That's how the "billion-dollar" figure was derived.)

Just last week, work (spearheaded by the City of Romulus) began on the project through the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) program.

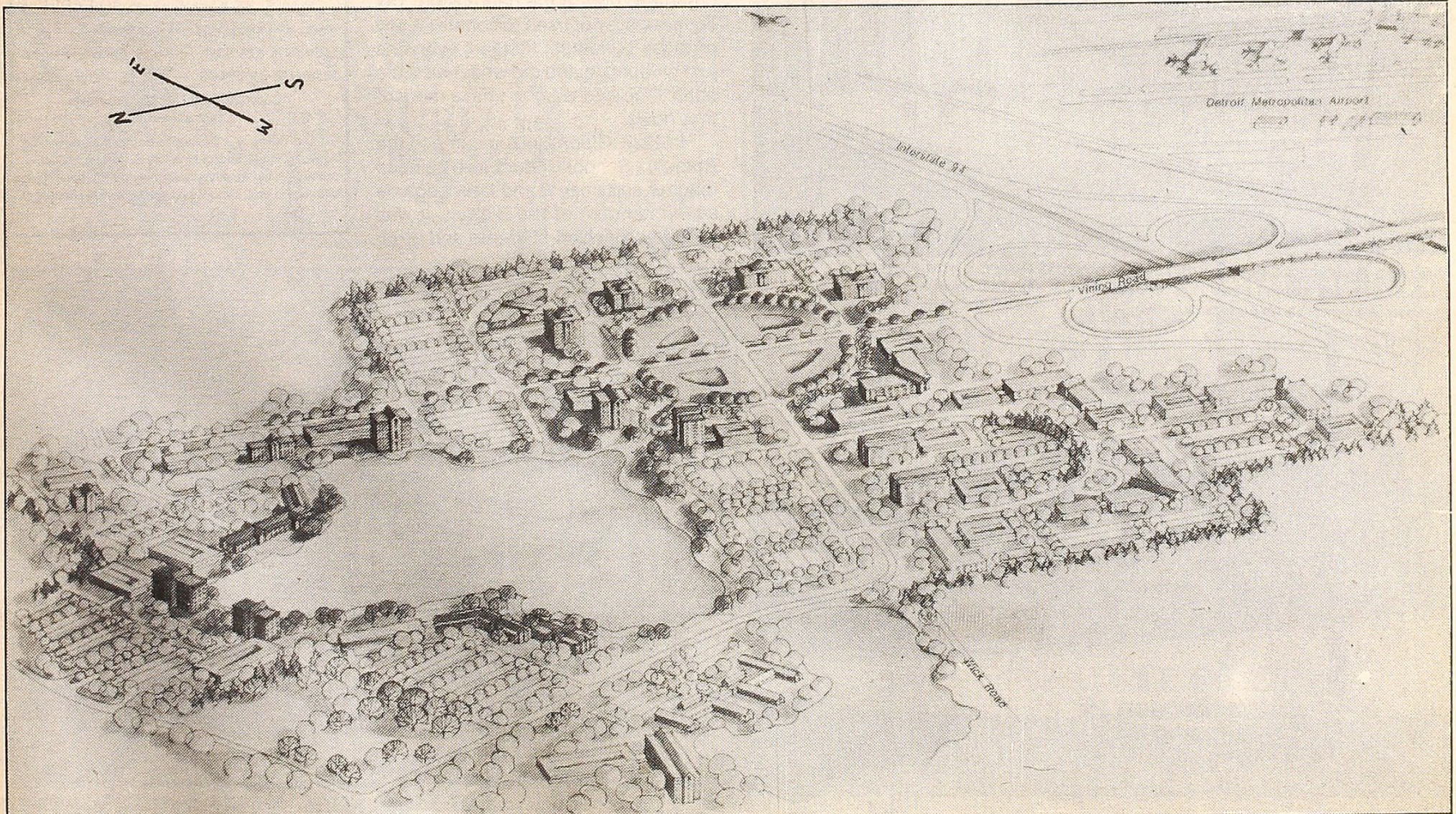
At present, there are two phases of this project. The first phase is pres-

ently underway, with work being done on Wick Road at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. According to Oakes, an additional eight million is available for the balance of the TIFA program.

The first phase includes the paving of Wick Road from Wickham to Lisa (just east of Wayne Road). New sewers and drainage will be installed, and soil samples will be taken for future building. Phase One should be completed before summer's end.

The second phase will be the construction of a four-lane boulevard from Wickham and Smith to Vining.

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION

A Look at Our First Schools

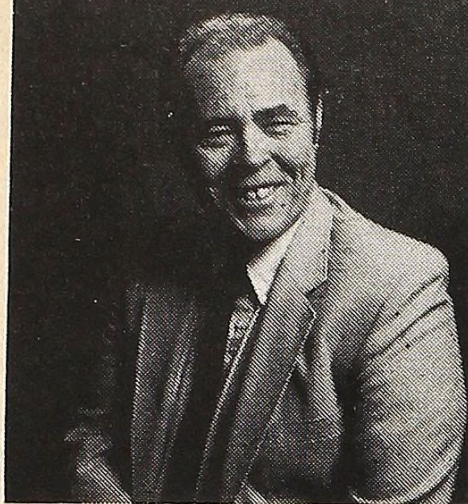


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Thanks to information supplied to "the little paper" by Romulus resident Charlie Lau and the Romulus Historical Society, I am finally able to bring you pictures of the original high school in Romulus and a bit of its history, as well as background information on other schools in our district. I hope that you'll enjoy it.

The present headquarters of the Romulus Police Department has been a school site since 1890, when the first schoolhouse was moved there from

Pullens Corners. Later, the building was sold to the Maccabees and moved to the spot where the western part of the Romulus IGA now stands. Still later, it was moved further west on Goddard, where it was transformed into living quarters next to Romulus Video. Finally, rather than having the structure torn down, owner Skip Overmeyer donated it to the City and the Romulus Historical Society, who then moved it to its current site at Hunt and Goddard and restored it to the original schoolhouse.

Construction of the building which was to become the first high school (photo at bottom right) began in the 1890s when Romulus residents built a one-story structure on the site currently occupied by the Romulus Police Department. The right side of the building (whose front door faced south) was used for grades one through four; the left side housed grades five through eight. In 1910, construction of an upper story was completed; that second floor was used as the first high school in Romulus. An American flag flew on the high, gabled roof.

The first class to graduate from the original high school (in 1916) had only eight members — Clara Barton, Harry Barton, Martha Gardner, Iza Moore, Howard Porter, Alice Roach, Ruth Rutter, and Ben Scott. Their teacher was Lloyd Gullen.

Later, when the building was torn down, much of the brick was reused to build the "Porter Building," which became a theater in Romulus around 1926, and currently houses the offices of *The Romulus News*.

The building now used by the Romulus Police Department was the second high school (photo at bottom left). It was constructed in 1923 and used for grades kindergarten through 12.

But it didn't take long to outgrow that building, either, and so a new high school was built on Olive Street (photo at upper left). The construction of the original part of the school (including the gym) took place in 1930; a new addition (north of Porter) was built around 1951. It is this building, now known as the old South Junior High, which recently housed the Beacon and Enterprise programs, and which is currently slated for demolition.

According to sources, the old South Junior High was built by the Work Projects Administration (WPA), which was organized during the depression. Tax dollars were not used to construct any of these buildings; instead, everyone just chipped in and did what had to be done. (Too bad we don't have more of that now.)

In 1928, Glenn Herzog came to the Romulus School District as a science teacher and coach, and later became superintendent of the District. It was he who organized students and other

residents to build the athletic field behind the old South Junior High (the same sight used by the carnival during the Romulus Michigan Week Festival). According to some, that land behind the school was nothing more than swampland and quicksand before the efforts of the residents turned it into something of worth for the young people in the community.

So, of the first four school buildings

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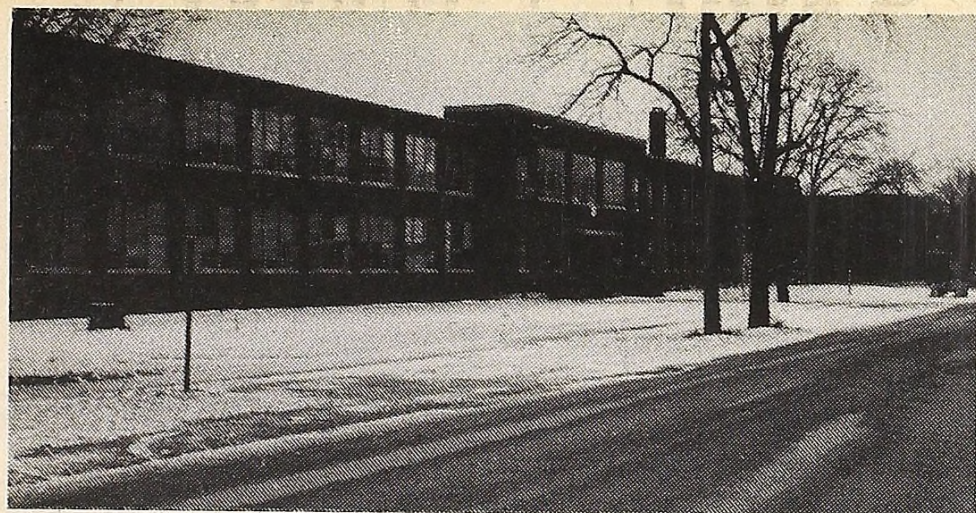
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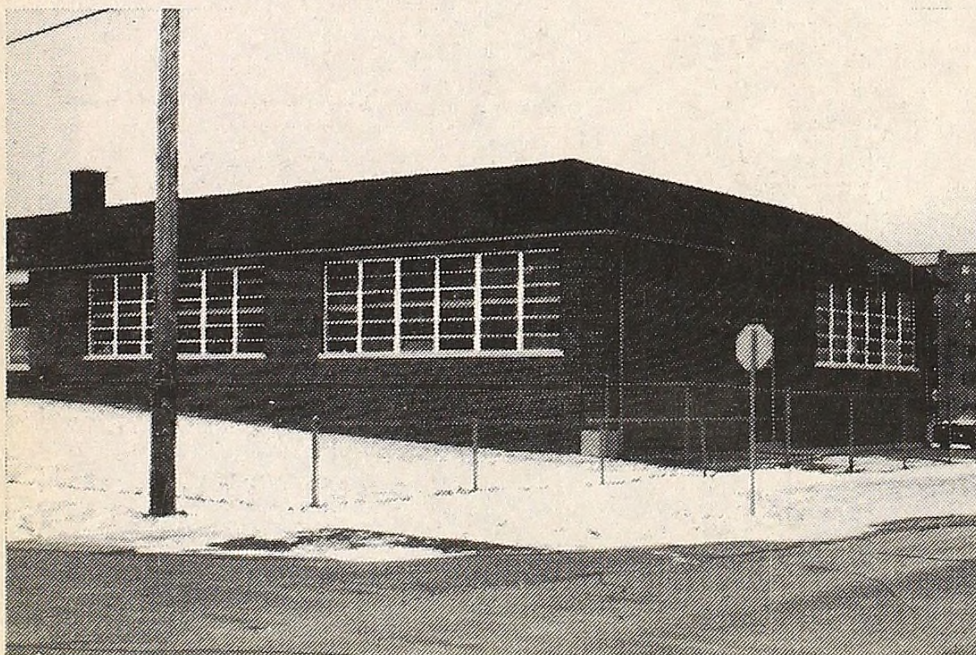
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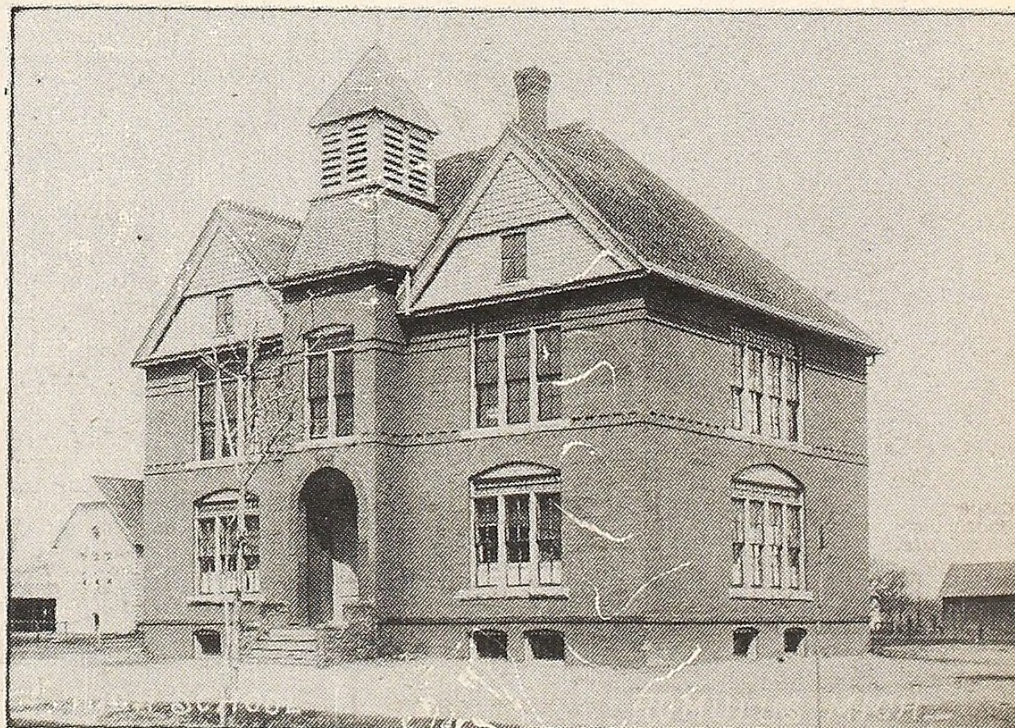
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THE THIRD HIGH SCHOOL IN ROMULUS, LOCATED ON OLIVE STREET, IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR. CITIZENS GROUPS ARE STILL DESPERATELY TRYING TO SAVE THE BUILDING FOR ITS HISTORIC VALUE.



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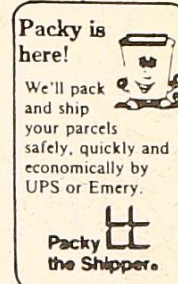


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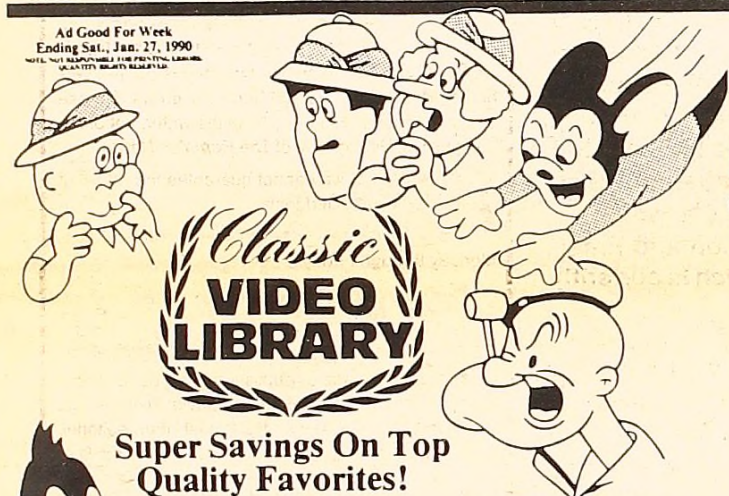
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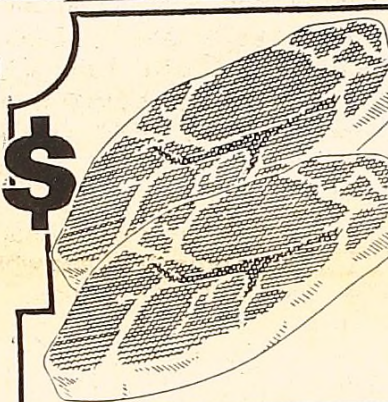
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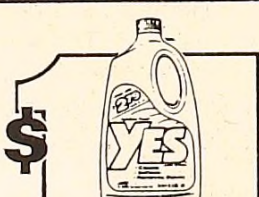
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HOMETOWN PROUD

Will Cigarette Tax Take Away Civil Rights?

by Dave Atkins

Whether you do or do not smoke is not the issue here. The issue is: will the government — local, state, or federal — try to impose their beliefs on you, whether you like it or not?

Recently, several newspapers printed articles stating that there may be a movement underway to try to force people to quit smoking by doubling the cigarette tax.

Do I smoke? Yes! Do I think that smoking is a healthy thing to do? No!

On the other hand, eating too many sweets, starches, and fatty foods is bad for your health, too. In fact, those foods can kill you just as fast (and, in some cases, faster) as smoking can. Yet, I haven't seen anything about doubling the taxes on products that can and do cause high cholesterol counts. Why?

Can automobile fumes cause lung cancer? Yes! I see no legislation supporting the doubling of taxes so that people will buy fewer automobiles.

Can reading pornographic materials cause some people to commit more rape, and, in some cases, murder? Yes! But I see no one forcing the porno mags out of business.

Can selling liquor — not only to minors but to adults, too — cause people to wind up dead because of liver problems, car accidents, suicide, etc.? Where are the taxes and/or laws to stop serving liquor to everyone?

By this time, you should be getting the point of what I am trying to say. (By the way, it is allegedly more harmful to smoke pot than cigarettes. Supposedly, lung cancer is higher in marijuana smokers than in tobacco smokers.)

Now, where is the most money made? Selling dope, alcohol, cars, porn, or tobacco? Guess what stays and what goes!

Recently, we were told that eating oat bran reduces the cholesterol level significantly, so everyone went out and bought up all the oat products that they could get their hands on. Guess what!

Today, a news program revealed that oats and oat by-products reduce cholesterol by only a very small amount. In the meantime, it is the old supply and demand problem. Do you realize how much any product containing oats has risen in price since it was announced that oats were supposed to be so good for you?

Do you remember back when Richard Nixon shut down all the oil wells in this country, especially the small, independent ones, because of an oil shortage that suddenly appeared? At that particular time, this country was paying around \$35 per barrel; gas prices at the pumps ranged from 35 to 45 cents per gallon. Immediately, the price of gasoline went skyrocketing until, in some parts of the Country, it climbed to over \$2 per gallon.

Strange, isn't it, that when prices finally climb to the level that some businesses want them to reach, there is no longer a shortage? In fact, my recent understanding is that we are paying less now for a barrel of oil than we were before the shortage and that we have a rather large abundance of oil now. After the Arab nations started getting the prices that they wanted, they began to have wars concerning how much oil they could produce and so began overproducing, which caused the wholesale prices to drop dramatically. Did the consumers' price drop? Watch at every holiday. Prior to the holiday, prices steadily decline, but, as the holiday approaches, especially if it is a holiday during which a lot of driving is done, prices will soar overnight.

Getting back to cigarette taxes, it seems to me that, when a government body can tell you what you can or cannot eat, drink, or smoke, then it may not be long before it is also telling you what kind of books you can read, whom you can or cannot visit, etc.

Get the point? □

You see, folks, Gus, Priscilla, and all my other fishy friends live in a large tank in Dr. Smith's (his real name, by the way) waiting room. Well, I've spent so much time in the large brown chair next to the tank that I've come to know and, yes, even love those cute little finny creatures. In fact, after losing my heart to these fish and fishettes, I subscribed to the *San Francisco Journal of Fish* and began telling wild fish stories to everyone I met.

But enough is enough, and, because I've had it with all those cumulative years spent waiting to see that man, I'm now in the process of finding a new doctor, or maybe a clinic with three or four docs — No Waiting!

Actually, aside from the interminable waiting, Dr. Smith is a good physician who charges reasonably and never forgets to give me large Baby Ruth candy bars while patting me on the head. But, then again, I should tell you that there's one other gripe I have with him. Being a surgeon as well as a family doctor, he often goes with the notion that if there's a problem, check it out . . . then cut it out!

Example: a few years ago, I was experiencing some minor chest pain. After I waited 3.7 hours to see him, Dr. Smith listened, nodded, then grinned while recommending a total heartectomy. Somehow, I told him, I thought that might be somewhat extreme, not to mention potentially fatal. But, ah, the good doctor reassured me, saying, "Actually, Tom, in our society, it's a popular misconception that every person needs a heart. Why, just look at Leona Helmsley, or even your boss, or any IRS auditor. And remember, in many third-world countries, there are heartless dictators who live long and healthy lives."

A point well taken, I thought, but decided to seek a second opinion anyway. So . . . the next time I had my hair cut, I asked my barber, Don, what he felt about all this.

"Ha!" he exclaimed, after hearing my heartless tale. "Your doctor seems to be splitting hairs; clipping off essential facts. Now, while it has been shown that a person can, indeed, live a heartless life, the overall quality of that life is oftentimes significantly diminished by the subsequent absence of the fluid which typically circulates through a person's veins and arteries . . . ah, blood, Tom." I nodded.

Satisfied that I was still with him, he continued, "Furthermore, it has been theorized and subsequently demonstrated by Drs. Shears, Leaman, and Hairman, in a 1987 paper entitled, 'Blood: Our Hair's Friend, Or What?' that in approximately 92% of such cases, a heartless person's hair will cease growing. Listen, Tom, don't let the dude mess with your ticker, you know what I mean? Take some TUMS, or something."

Finishing, he spun the barber chair a quick 180 and grinned. "Now! Is that one great Mohawk, or what?"

Well, Don's a good barber who charges reasonably and never forgets to give me bandages while cutting me on the head (plus he hits the lottery a lot), so I went with his recommendation. TUMming my tummy, my pain disappeared, and my hair kept growing.

But now, here I am, still missing my beloved fish. Perhaps, later, I'll wander on down to the pet store and see what kind of fish they have. Or, maybe better, perhaps I'll go to the fish market and see what kind of fish they have! □

NEWS FROM THE "REC" CENTER

Bowhunter Education Class

All active and potential bowhunters are encouraged to attend the bowhunter education class that will be held at the Recreation building on Sunday, January 28. The subjects covered in the class will include shooting methods, blood trailing, harvesting game, animal anatomy, field dressing, and proper care of meat.

The fee for the course is only \$1. To register (registration in advance is required), call Frank Farkas at 941-6531.

Romulus Festival Committee Looking for Sponsor, Volunteers

The Romulus Festival Committee is looking for a nonprofit organization interested in co-sponsoring the Las Vegas Tent at this year's festival, which will be held on May 18, 19, and 20. For more information, call 942-6852 (weekdays) or 941-4422 (evenings).

The Committee also needs volunteers to help with other aspects of the Festival, especially public relations, publicity, and advertising. Call 942-6852 for further details.

Quilting Classes

Classes covering both traditional and machine quilting for all skill levels are offered on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Department. For more information, call 942-6852.

Basketball Program

The Recreation Department's Drop-in Basketball Program has weekly sessions on Thursdays at North Junior High School on Wick Road. Play for Romulus junior high and senior high students begins at 5 p.m. and costs just \$1 per evening. (Youths wishing to play must show proper ID in order to participate.) Adult play follows the student games at 7 p.m., and also costs \$1 per evening.

Bowling Events for Adults

The Romulus Recreation Department has scheduled 9-pin bowling (March 17) and Scotch doubles bowling (February 17 and April 28) for adults. All events will begin at 9:15 p.m. at the Romulus bowling alley.

by **TOM SHAMANSKI**

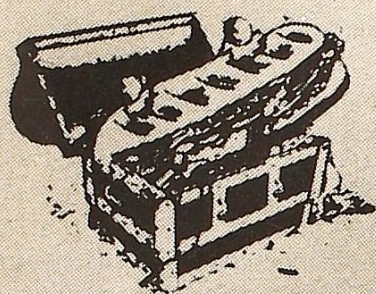


A Fishy Affair and Other Finny Stuff

Recently, I had to cast off a long-standing and loving relationship with a mess of tropical fish and, believe me folks, it was one of the most traumatic things I've ever done. As it turns out, my family physician/surgeon, Dr. Smith, has to shoulder the blame for this shat-

tering emotional upheaval. Because of his gross overbooking of patients, I'll never again see Gus The Guppy, Priscilla the Piranha, or that cute couple, Carol and Charlie The Tunas. Also, I'm afraid I've played my last game of "Go Fish" with my buddies on Friday nights.

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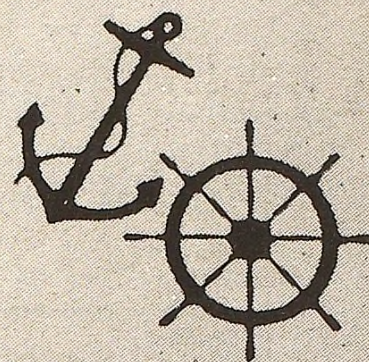
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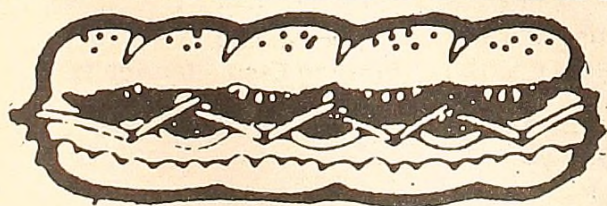
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Rec. Dept.

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The entry fee of \$17 per couple for each event includes bowling, jackpots, and pizza. Registrations will be accepted, beginning two weeks before each scheduled date, on a first-come, first-served basis, and entry fees must be paid at that time. (Register at the Recreation Department.)

Bowling Events for Children

Bowling events for children are scheduled for February 10 (father/son bowling), March 10 (mother/daughter bowling), and April 7 (parent/child bowling). Each bowling event will begin between 3:30 and 4 p.m. at the Romulus bowling alley.

The per-couple entry fee for each date is \$13, which includes pop, pizza, bowling, mystery games, bowling for dollars, and prizes. Registration (at the Recreation Center) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning two weeks before each scheduled date, and must be accompanied by the entry fee.

Skiing for Junior High and Senior High Students

Junior high and senior high students can register for the downhill ski trip to be held on February 9 (weather permitting). Advance registration is required, and can be made at the Recreation Building or with Mr. Williams at the Junior High. (Please send check or money order only, payable to Romulus Recreation, if you are registering at the

Junior High.) The cost is \$15 per person, which includes adult supervision, transportation, and all equipment rentals. The bus will leave the Junior High at 3:15 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. Permission slips can be picked up at the office.

Cross-Country Skiing

A cross-country ski trip is scheduled for February 17 (weather permitting). A cost of \$6 per person includes transportation (bus will depart from the Recreation Building at 12:30 p.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.), adult supervision, and equipment rental.

Discount Ski Lodge Tickets

Discount ski tickets will be available for several ski lodges beginning in January. For further information, please contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

Obituaries

Brent E. Holliday

Romulus resident Brent E. Holliday died January 8, 1990, at the age of 38.

Brent was the dear father of Brent Eugene Taylor (of California). He is also survived by his grandmother, Mary F. Holliday (of Romulus); three sisters, Anita M. Johnson (of Romulus), Mrs. Darnell (Sandra D.) Hearst (of Romulus), and Miss Belinda A. Holliday (of Inkster); and two brothers, Roosevelt Holliday III and Darryl T. Holliday (both of Romulus).

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 13, at Bethany Apostolic Faith Church (in Romulus), with the Elder Reginald L. Williams officiating. United Memorial Gardens (in Superior

Township) was the site of interment.

Frederick D. Hunter

Frederick D. Hunter of Wayne died January 12, 1990. He was 81 years old.

Frederick was the dear father of Fred D. Hunter, Jr. (of Detroit), Albert Hunter (of Romulus), Fred A. Hunter (of Romulus), Gerald Scales (of Detroit), and Mrs. Barbara Gunn (of Detroit). He is also survived by nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday, January 13, at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with the Rev. Walter Lezuchowski of St. Aloysius Catholic Church officiating. The body was cremated.

Betty J. White

Betty J. White of Romulus died at Detroit's Harper Hospital on January 13, 1990. She was 37 years old.

Betty, the beloved wife of Paul R. White, was the dear mother of Billy, Jason, Deborah, and Melissa White (all of Romulus). She is also survived by brothers Dennis, Kenneth, Gary, Ralph, Danny, Robert, Johnny, and James Hieneman (all of Greenup, KY) and sisters Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Allen (of Miami-burg, OH), Mrs. Chester (Polly) Boggs (of Lancaster, OH), Mrs. Bob (Joyce) Muck (of Lancaster, OH), and Mrs. Melvin (Dottie) Robinson (of Wheelerburg, OH).

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, January 17, at the Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with Elder Robert Rice of the Huron River Jehovah Witnesses officiating. The body was cremated. □

Library Programs

Clifford, the Big Red Dog

Clifford, the Big Red Dog, will accompany Bev Young (of Chapter I Book-sellers in Canton) when she comes to tell stories at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 27. All children are invited to attend this free program. (Clifford books will be available for sale at the program's conclusion.)

This is a unique opportunity for young children (and their parents) to meet a favorite storybook character. For more information, call 942-7589.

Winter Story-time Program

Beginning February 6, librarian Els Shelly's Story-time program will introduce children to the joy of story hour with favorite picture books and folktales from around the world. These free Story-time sessions (for ages three to seven) will be held at the Library on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

A special treat, on February 20 and 22, will be the guest appearance of Jacqueline Galloway-Blake, who will present a program featuring the unique contributions of many famous black Americans.

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Senior News

by Mary E. Clark

Special thanks are due to Frances Heimes-Savickis, Field Representative for the Social Security Administration's branch office in Inkster, and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Senior News & Events." **Questions About Medicare Bills?**

Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about their claims under Medicare's medical insurance can save time by contacting their Medicare carrier directly rather than the Social Security office. Social Security refers calls about reimbursement for medical insurance bills directly to the Medicare carrier — the insurance company that processes the bills for the Government.

To find the phone number of the Medicare carrier in their area, people should check their *Medicare handbook*. A list of insurance companies that handle Medicare claims is listed in the back of the handbook.

News from the Senior Center

Now that the holidays are over, the Center is in full swing once again. The Center offers Romulus seniors a chance to participate in many activities and trips. Why not stop in and see what they have for you?

Senior Van Trips — There is still room for a few more seniors on the Senior Van Trip scheduled for Friday, January 26, when participants will lunch with Pat at the Center and then leave for a shopping trip at Gibraltar Trade Center. The transportation cost is \$1.50.

The new sign-up sheets for February's trips will be out at the Center on Thursday, February 1. Be sure to check on them; the Center tries to have something for everyone.

Progressive Dinner — The senior centers of Allen Park, Romulus, Taylor, and Wyandotte have planned a progressive dinner for March 15, 1990. Each center is limited to having 30 tickets for sale, so be sure to get yours as soon

as possible. The ticket price of \$7 per person includes all food and transportation between centers. (You must provide your own transportation to the Romulus Center.) Tickets will go on sale February 1.

Free Blood Pressure Checks — A representative from Annapolis Hospital will be at the Center from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5, to give free blood pressure readings to seniors.

Bus Tours — Several bus tours are coming up in the near future. On Sunday, February 4, seniors can go on a trip to Niagara Falls for three days/two nights for \$149 per person. Also scheduled for February is a trip to Florida for seven days/six nights at a cost of \$699 per person (departure on February 17). If you would prefer to take a shorter trip, you might be interested in going to Frankenmuth on March 23 for a tour, shopping, and a show featuring the Ink Spots. The cost of this trip is only \$37 per person.

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High School

From Page 2

in the Romulus School District, three remain standing today — one, designated as a historical site, has been restored for use as a museum, another houses the offices of the Romulus Police Department, and the last (the old South Junior High) is slated for demolition. Only the original high school has been torn down so far.

(Editor's note: not all of this article

has written documentation; rather, part of the information is based on the recollection of people who lived here at the time.) □

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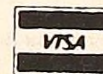
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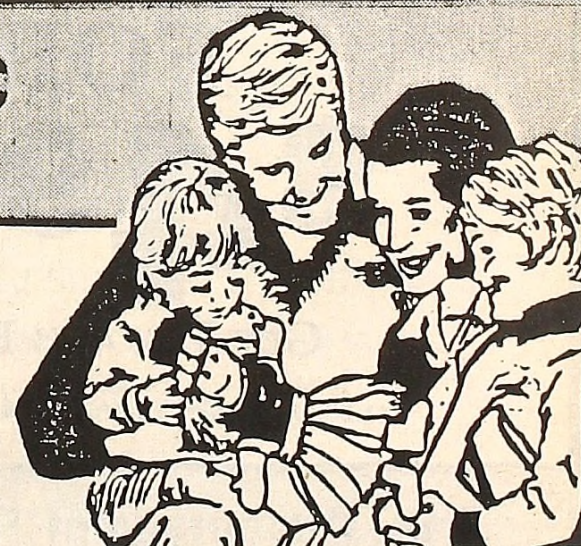
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by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

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tions concerning the condition of the vehicle. If the seller makes representations such as the car has a new engine, get these representations in writing. If it is determined that the seller misrepresented the condition of the car, the purchaser may be able to void the sale for fraud.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 8, 1990

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, January 8, 1990, was called to order by President Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell recommended the following change to the Agenda: Drop Item I. "Exclusion of Student".

1/90/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1/90/2 Moved by King supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the Minutes of December 11, 1989, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public at this meeting.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval: **A. Leave of Absence:** Darcie Layne, Social Worker — Sp. Serv., Child Care, 1/24/90 - 8/31/90. **B. Retirement:** Connie Garcia, Cust. — Sr. High, Eff. 12/29/89. **Addendum: A. Leaves of Absence:** Rebecca Oz, Teacher — Sp. Serv., Child Care, 1/10/90 - 9/4/90; and Sandra Singer, Bus Driver, 1/9/90 - 9/4/90. **B. Resignation:** Barbara Krosgrud, Teacher — Halecreek, Other Employment, Eff. 1/27/90.

1/90/3 Moved by Kesner supported by King the Board approve the Personnel Actions and Addendum as presented by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/90/4 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

WCCC Partnership — Transportation

1/90/5 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the use of buses to transport students to WCCC for alternative classes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Headstart — Barth School

1/90/6 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board table the Headstart — Barth School item. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Spanish Club Trip

1/90/7 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Spanish Club Trip to Spain in the Spring of 1990 as per the details outline in the memo dated 5/22/89. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Vocational Education Equipment

1/90/8 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the purchase of new hoists for the auto shop using ½ State Voc Ed equipment funds and ½ Voc Ed added cost. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) U of M Accreditation Report; 2) Fall Gate Receipts; 3) Adult Ed Memo — Incentives; 4) Memo of Appreciation — Child Development Center; 5) County Letter — Autistic Citizens; and 6) High School Newspaper.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

There were no questions and/or concerns of Board Members this evening.

Executive Session — Negotiations

1/90/9 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:22 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:52 P.M.

Adjournment:

1/90/10 Moved by Kesner supported by Bales the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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by Dave Atkins

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When two men came into my office the other day to buy an advertisement announcing the opening of their new car wash, my first thought was that these guys must be nuts to open another coin spray-wash in this town — especially since the one they were going to reopen was not, in my opinion, one of the better ones to begin with.

During a lengthy discussion with the two young men (one is 20 and the other is 21; both are from the east side of Detroit), I learned that they have spent approximately \$125,000 to remodel and buy new equipment. (How do I know where they got that kind of money? Maybe they borrowed it from the bank or their families.) I decided that I would go try out this new "state-of-the-art" car wash. Since my car was really grimy with mud and salt, I figured that I was in for a real letdown.

When I arrived, I found that the place truly had been remodeled. It had new vacuum cleaners, new dispensers for the various cleaning supplies, a new bill changer, digital timers for washing (with a one-minute warning signal to

let you know when your time is almost up), and, best of all, new spray devices. I thought that it would be interesting to see how all this new equipment stood up to a true filthy-car test.

Much to my surprise, it really did get my car clean, and it took only \$1.25 to wash and rinse the whole car. The thing that impressed me the most was that my car was totally free of the residue (soap scum, dirt) usually associated with coin-operated car washes.

Advertising or no advertising, I personally think that you should stop by this place and try it out. It's easy to find — it's the old Romulus Car Wash, located next to the Landing Strip and the old post office building. See the advertisement elsewhere in this issue and use the coupon provided for a free four-minute wash. □



St. Aloysius: Take a Look

Article was submitted by the Education Commission School Committee

On February 1, 1990, St. Aloysius School will hold an open house in honor of Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: A Parent's Choice."

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Please take this opportunity to tour the school, meet the teachers, and speak with other parents. Open house is from 7 to 8 p.m. In addition, the Parents' Club will be serving a Roast Beef Dinner that evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (children under age five are free).

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Plank was also a former professional musician who played with many of the "big bands" and taught violin for several years.

Another of Plank's areas of involvement was politics. He campaigned for his favorite candidates in several elections, going door-to-door on their behalf.

Plank was born on May 19, 1908, and married his wife Alice in 1931. He is survived by four of his five children; one son, former Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Bob Plank, is deceased. Plank also leaves behind 29 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and his dog Shaggy, whom he loved very much.

Plank will be missed by many. □

by Dave Atkins

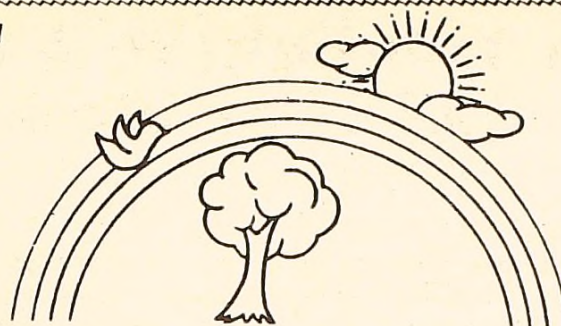
A very active member of our community, Lawrence Plank, died unexpectedly on the evening of January 22, 1990. He was 81 years old.

Plank's contributions to the community were numerous. In addition to serving as township clerk for four years, Plank was the original founder of the Romulus Democratic Club, a former

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Billion Dollar Project

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At this writing, Eastern Michigan University has not yet decided whether it will follow through with its plans for establishing a branch at the site, allegedly because of changes in the administration.

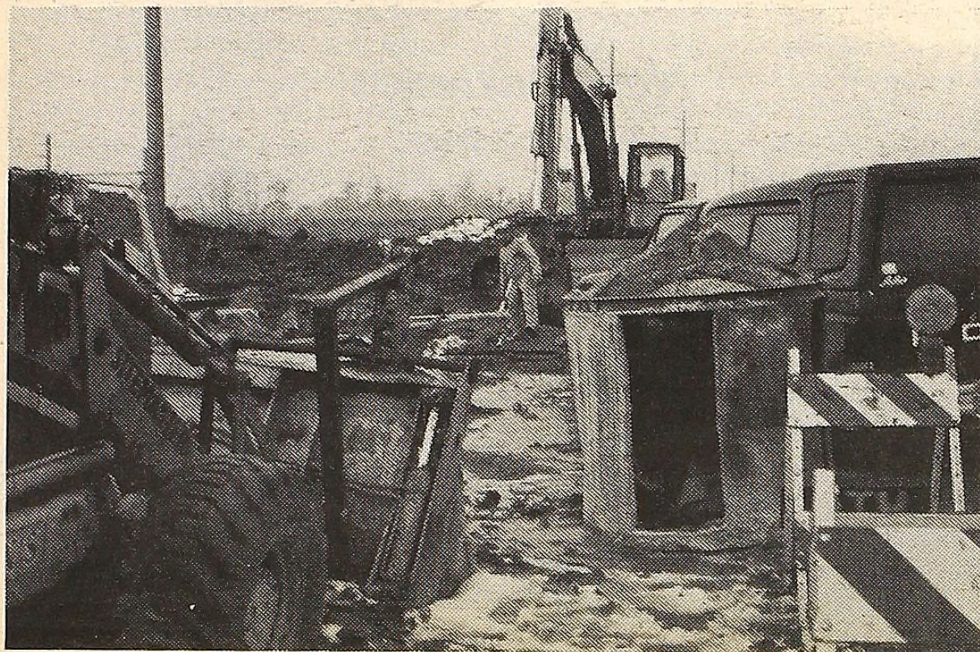
"Even if EMU does not follow through with their plans," said Oakes, "we are going to recruit some other schools to build there, and there is interest." Oakes went on to say that a school would add "prestige" to the development.

There have been many questions concerning the remaining "life span"

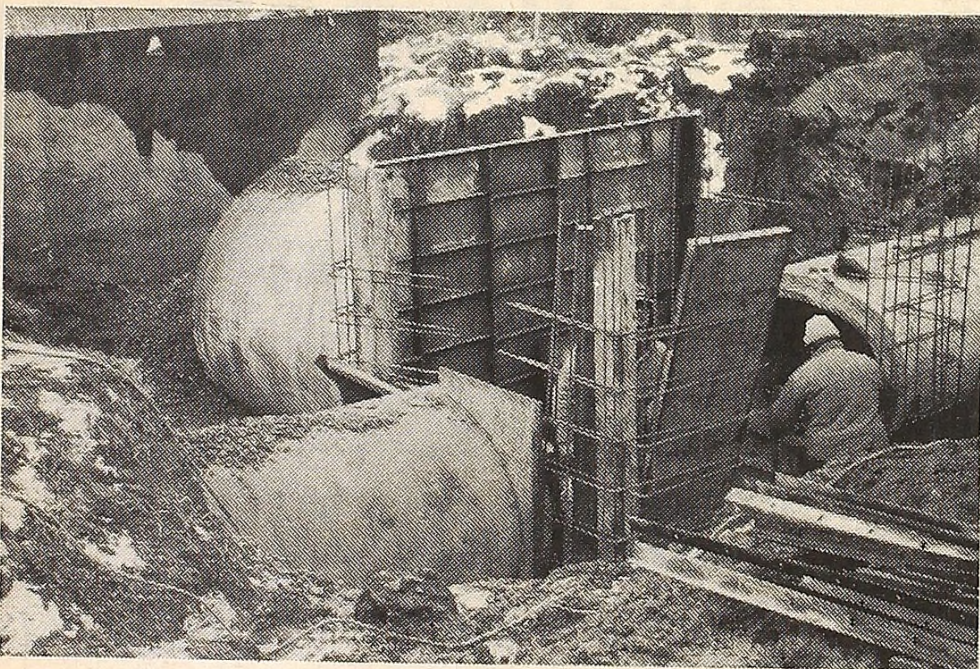
of the Shady Hollow golf course. According to Oakes, it will be possibly another two years before anything is done with that property, so the golf course will probably be open for at least one more year.

Besides road construction, other plans slated for this spring or summer include the construction of buildings for hotel, office, and apartment space. Oakes says that it will be "unlike anything seen around here!"

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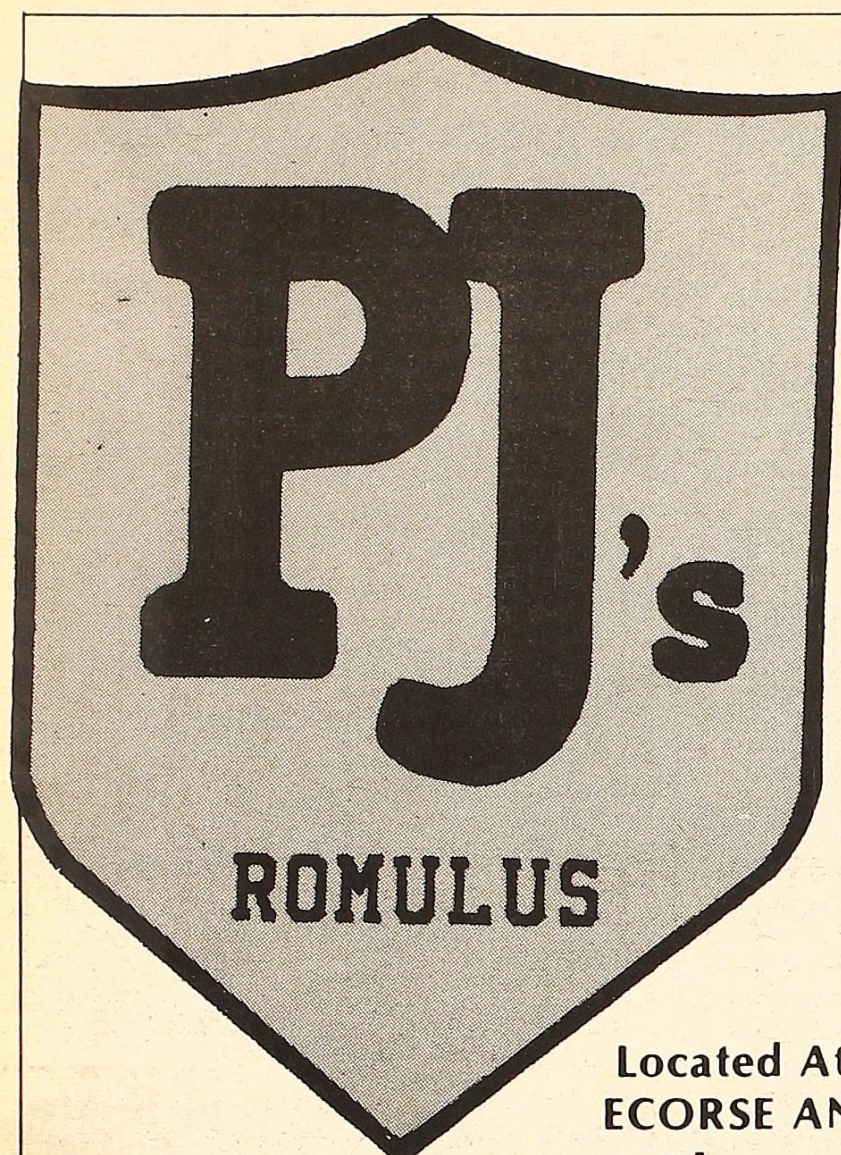
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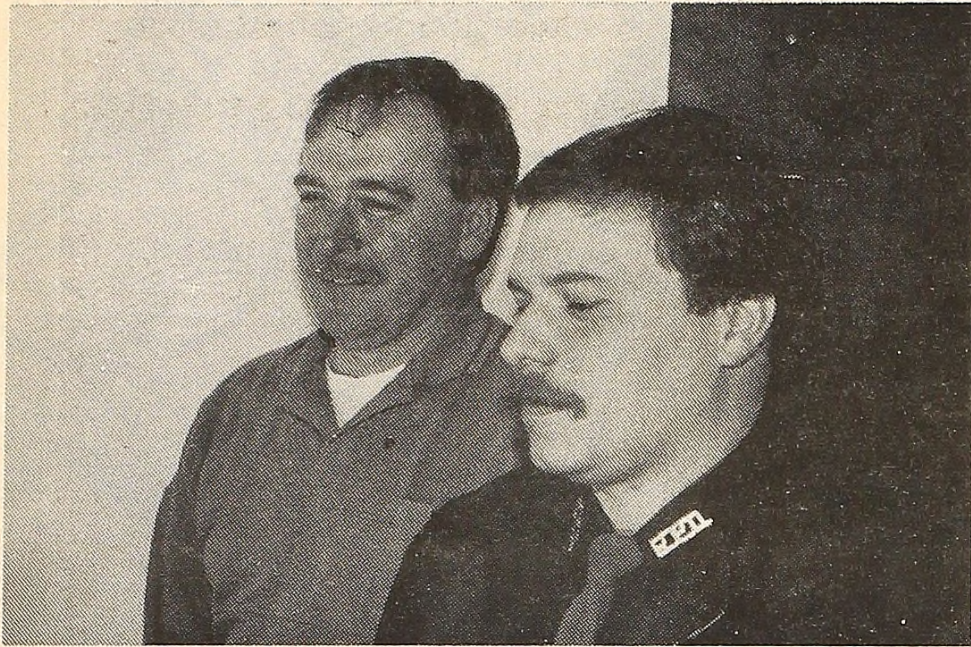
SANDWICHES	
Club Sandwich..... (HOUSE SPECIALITY).....	\$ 4.95
Ham & Cheese (grilled on onion roll).....	\$ 3.95
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Turkey-wich (lettuce, tomato, mayo, on onion roll).....	\$ 3.95
Patty-melt.....	\$ 3.50
Grilled Cheese.....	\$ 2.00
Deluxe (fries & slaw).....	

Munchie's	
Nacho's Supreme..... (1/2 order \$ 2.75).....	\$ 4.95
Potato Skins.....	\$ 3.95
21 Shrimp Basket.....	\$ 3.95
Basket of Smelt (all-U-can eat).....	\$ 3.50
Mini Taco's.....	\$ 2.00
Wing-Dings.....	\$ 2.75
Chicken strips.....	\$ 2.75
Cheese Sticks.....	\$ 2.75
Breaded Mushrooms.....	\$ 2.00
Breaded Zucchini.....	\$ 2.50
Breaded Onion Rings.....	\$ 1.25
French Fries or Steak Fries.....	\$ 1.25
Cole Slaw.....	\$ 1.50
Soup of the Day.....	\$ 1.75
Clam Chowder.....	\$ 2.00
Chili.....	

DRINKS	
Coffee or Hot Tea.....	\$.50
Pop.....	\$ 1.25
Lemonade.....	\$ 1.25
Iced Tea.....	\$ 1.25

NOTE: Carry outs 50 cents extra
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Hats, Hats Everywhere - Not a One to Spare!



THE TWO ROMULUS POLICE OFFICERS WHO SPEARHEADED THE DRIVE FOR THE DONATIONS OF CAPS FOR YOUNG JOHN OSBORNE JR. ARE PICTURED ABOVE. AT LEFT IS OFFICER TOM ELLIS, AND BESIDE HIM STANDS OFFICER ST. ANDRE.



PICTURED ARE SOME OF THE OVER 600 HATS DONATED TO JOHN OSBORNE JR.. THE HATS PICTURED HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO YOUNG OSBORNE AND THERE ARE MORE ON THE WAY. HATS REPORTEDLY CAME FROM AS FAR AWAY AS JAPAN.

by Dave Atkins

It seems that both television stations and other newspapers pick up on many of the stories that I write.

Recently, I wrote about young John Osborne, Jr., who had to have one of his legs amputated above the knee due to an injury he received while trapped in a grinder/hopper at his father's cement business. In that article, at the suggestion of Romulus police officer Tom Ellis, I asked people to send or bring hats to the police department to show their support for John, since he is known to collect hats.

After that article appeared here in *The Romulus News*, both *The Romulus Roman* and *The News-Herald* picked up on the story, as did some of the local television stations. Though we were the only paper to really push for the hats, we are glad that the other papers and TV stations did their part in telling about this young man and the misfortune which befell him.

In the time since the story appeared in this paper, approximately 600 hats have been turned in at the Romulus po-

lice and fire stations, according to Officer Ellis.

Ellis said that the latest hat came (with apologies for getting here so late) from the Mazda factory in Hiroshima, Japan. Other hats have come from as far away as Australia, California, and Florida. (Please see the end of this article for a partial list of the many well-wishers who sent John hats.)

As for John, he is doing quite well, getting around in a wheelchair and on crutches. Though the date of his release from the hospital is still not known, he hopes that it will be soon.

As the editor of this paper, and on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank *everyone* (both the businesses and the individuals) who turned in hats for John. He is a nice young man who deserves all the better things that life has to offer.

Good luck to you, John. You're a survivor.

The following is a list of some of the groups who sent hats to John.

Huron Police Department
Huron Fire Department
Washtenaw Police Academy
Orange County, Florida, Fire Rescue
Orange County, Florida, Sheriffs
Wayne County Regional
Police Academy
Trenton Police Department


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PERSONAL

THANK YOU
A sincere "thank you" to the Rotary Clubs of Romulus and New Boston, the Huron Sportsman's Auxiliary, the Lutheran Brotherhood, Pastor Alleman, and all others who participated in the Dec. 1 fish fry.
Judy Bonk

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Free to good home — 1 male beagle. May be someone's lost pet.
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FOR SALE
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ROAST BEEF DINNER
Everyone is invited to attend the St. Aloysius Catholic School Week family roast beef dinner on Thursday, February 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Open House from 7 to 8 p.m.) The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors, \$3 for children 5-14. Children under 5 are free. 37200 Neville, Romulus. Tickets on sale at the school and after all masses. Hope to see you there!

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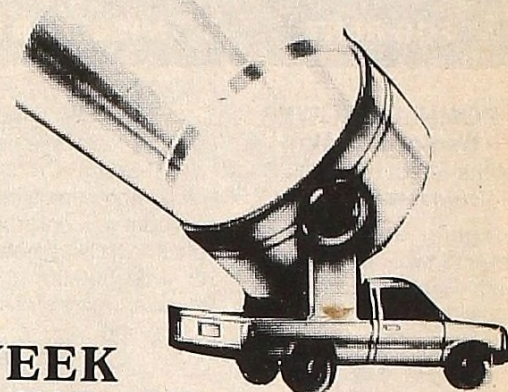
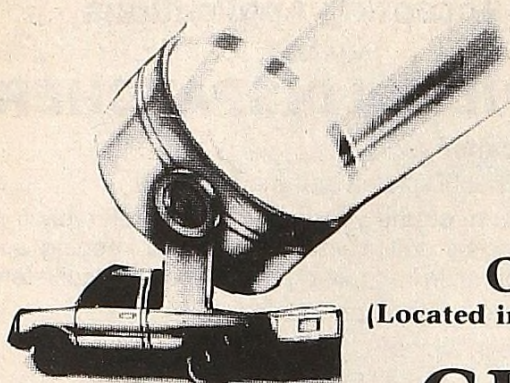
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